In re Application of:

ERIC MEYERHOFER et al.

Application No.: 10/021,624

Filed: December 11, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HUMAN

READABLE CHARACTER SCANNING VERIFICATION AFTER PRINTING IN A

**GAMING DEVICE** 

Docket No.

03226.000103.

Examiner: J. Hotaling

Group Art Unit: 3713

Date: February 9, 2005

Mail Stop RCE THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED                              |  |       |  |                         |                  |                   |
|--|--|-------|--|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|  | (2)<br>CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | (4)<br>HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | (5)<br>PRESENT<br>EXTRA | RATE             | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE |
| TOTAL<br>CLAIMS                                | * 30   | MINUS | **   | = 0                     | x \$25<br>\$50   | 0                 |
| INDEP.<br>CLAIMS                               | * 4  | MINUS | ***<br>4                                     | = 0                     | x \$100<br>\$200 | 0                 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360 |  |       |  |                         |                  |                   |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT        |  |       |  |                         |                  | -0-               |

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(Name of Attorney for Applicant)

February 9, 2005

Signature

Date of Signature

|   | Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.  |
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|   | A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.   |
|   | Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |
| X | Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. |
| X | A check in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the fee for a two-month extension is enclosed.  |
| X | A check in the amount of \$395.00 to cover the Request For Continued Examination fee is enclosed.  |
| X | Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.  |
|   | Respectfully submitted,  |
|   | Frank L. Cire Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 42,419  |

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application, in connection with which a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

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